

REMARKS


In paragraph 1 of the final Action, claims 1-8 were objected to. In paragraph 3 of the final Action, claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Toro-Lira. However, in paragraph 4 of the final Action, claim 8 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In view of the objections and rejection, claims 2 and 8 have been canceled and the subject matter of canceled claims 2 and 8 has been incorporated into claim 1. Also, claim 1 has been amended to obviate the objection in paragraph 1 of the final Action. Claims 3-5 have been amended to depend from claim 1.

It is, therefore, believed that claim 1 and 3-7 are allowable over the cited reference. If any further amendments are required, please contact the undersigned agent.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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